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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE 5-1360

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this notice is to notify mariners, adjacent property owners, and government agencies that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation propose plans for a modification to a bridge constructed across navigable waters of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Across the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, at Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) mile 7.1, in the City of Chesapeake, VA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: FHWA and VDOT are developing alternative solutions to improve the transportation conditions along Interstate 64 (I-64) between the Interstate 464 and the Interstate 264/664 interchange at Bowers Hill. This corridor includes the I-64 (High Rise) Bridge. FHWA and VDOT are proposing to go from a drawbridge to a fixed bridge. The proposed bridge will provide a minimum vertical clearance of 100 feet above mean high water. The information gathered as a result of this preliminary public notice will assist the US Coast Guard in determining adequate minimum horizontal and vertical clearances for the proposed crossing of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. The vessel information needed includes the vessel types that transit the waterway, the commercial or recreational usage, height, draft, length, beam, tonnage, and mooring locations in Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. It is requested that the Coast Guard be provided with navigational information such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River along the AICW as they relate to the proposed vertical and horizontal clearances. Please submit the attached form in response to this preliminary public notice.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

It is further requested that mariners and adjacent property owners express their views from a navigational standpoint, in writing, on the proposed project giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to this project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through January 4, 2016.

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Bridge Program Manager
By direction of the Commander
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I-64 (High Rise) Bridge
Over the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River
Preliminary Public Notice
Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by January 4, 2016.

Vessel Information	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
<i>Use – Commercial or Recreational</i>	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____
